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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Final Office action mailed November 17, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due February 17, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

Amendment to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.